Boiler Act/Legislation

1687. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have had any discussion with various State Governments for bringing out a Boiler Act/Legislation since last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and issues raised by various State Governments;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision for bringing a Boiler Act/ legislation while going through various technological developments in the field of boiler industry; and

(d) if so, by when it will be bringing this important Bill in Parliament by removing unwanted obstacles in boiler industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. But comprehensive consultations with representatives of various stake holders have taken place prior thereto including State Governments whose concerns have been sought to be addressed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Notices for consideration and passing of the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Bill, 1994 together with the official amendments in the Amendment Bill, have been sent to the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha on 24.08.2007.

Decline in production of major industries

1688. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Appendix XIII of the Annual Report of Department of Industrial Policy, the production figure for major industries indicates that 24-27 sectors experienced a decline in value of production in 2006-07 over 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this widespread decline in a year of 9 per cent GDP growth and what corrective action is planned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Production data provided in Annual Report 2006-07 was on estimated basis. The final production data indicates that during 2006-07 out of 24 categories only 9 categories namely Air and Gas Compressors, Power Capacitors, ACSR/AA Conductors, Dry Cells, G.L.S. Lamps, Electrolytic Capacitors, Insulated Cables and Wires of all Kinds, Lighting, Fitting and Fixtures and Industrial Explosives registered a decline in production, ranging from 1 to 10%. These

industries carry a weightage of only 0.8% in the Index of Industrial Production, hence there is no widespread decline. The decline in these industries was due to technological factors such as shift in demand in end use industries and availability of superior substitutes.

During 2006-07 overall industrial GDP recorded a growth of 10.90%. In order to promote industrial growth, Government has put in place policies which *inter-alia* include delicensing of industrial capacity, liberalization of foreign trade regime to provide better access to inputs at competitive prices, rationalization and reduction in duty rates of customs and central excise, better infrastructure support, and liberal FDI regime.

Investment, employment and exports by SEZs

1689. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the SEZ and unit-wise breakup of investment, employment and exports of Rs. 15,000 crores, 25,000 Nos. and 9,301 crores respectively given in the fact sheet of the Ministry of Commerce website and also the value of imports by these 100 SEZs during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zone Rule, 2006 came into effect on 10th February, 2006 and since then 141 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been notified. In these notified SEZs, Rs.46,000 crore have already been invested and these SEZs have provided direct employment to over 40,000 persons. Exports of Rs. 9301 Crore referred to in the question are for the 11 non-Central Government SEZs, which were functional and exporting during 2006-07. The SEZ-wise breakup of investment, employment and exports in these 11 SEZs is as follows:–

Sl. No.	Name of SEZ	Investment (in Rs. crore)	Employment	Exports in 2006-07 (in Rs. crore)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Indore SEZ	358.36	3199	217.02
2.	Surat SEZ	234.00	5750	5198.94
3.	Surat Apparel Park SEZ	44.01	457	1.64
4.	Jaipur SEZ	85.22	350	168.47
5.	Jodhpur SEZ	18.25	53	6.48
6.	Mahindra World City SEZs (IT, Apparel), Chennai	530.97	5004	494.86
7.	Manikanchan SEZ, Kolkata	48.63	1288	1018
8.	Wipro SEZ, Kolkata	166.00	2800	254.00